

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE

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Blair also said inhalants are a big issue with teens today. "We continue to deal with drug problems in this area," Blair said. "Operation Save Teens is a great, great educational tool. There are many issues parents just don't know about, and this program can help them better understand actions to look for."

Mike Reese, an Alabama ABC agent, will handle the educational and enforcement part of the program. He is joined by Carol Hudson who became involved because her son, Anthony, died as a result of use of an illegal drug.

Blair said she has made it her mission to campaign on behalf of her son so that, hopefully, no other parent or teen will face the tragedy her family faced.

At the conclusion of the presentation, a question and answer session will be held in which local law enforcement personnel and ABC personnel will participate.

"This is a program the students have asked us to bring back," Blair said. "We sponsored it about three years ago, and it really touched a lot of lives. We are looking forward to the upcoming presentation and hope all interested citizens will make the effort to be there Sept. 27th. The life we save could be your son or daughter."

Again, Operation Save Teens will be presented Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. from the Elba High School auditorium. It is open to the public at no charge, and ALL parents, grandparents, students (recommended for 7th grade and up) and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend.

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CHAPTER TWO

by Linda M. Hodge

Though it had only been a few days since they arrived in Dalton City, Tad found living in a small town to be much different from life in the big city. Back in Chicago, he barely knew his next door neighbor. In Dalton City, he couldn't go anywhere without someone knowing who he was and all about his family.

Tad found that to be a bit eerie, but his dad assured him that's just the way things work in small town America.

The one thing he realized right away, though, was the love of football in Dalton City; but, he got the impression the confidence level of the community was not nearly as great as his dad described from back in the "good ole days."

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Coffee County BOE members discuss fuel conservation during monthly meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Following suit with many other organizations across the area, the Coffee County Board of Education discussed fuel conservation last Thursday evening, Sept. 1, during the board's regular monthly meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said as of Thursday morning, the schools combined had about 3,500 - 3,800 gallons of diesel fuel in the tanks. She said it takes approximately 2,300 gallons per week to operate the buses.

"We probably have a week and a half with what we have today," Ingram said. "We are on the priority need list with our supplier."

However, she said exactly when the supplier would be able to deliver fuel was uncertain late last week due to Hurricane Katrina.

Until fuel concerns decrease, Ingram said the school system, of course, would make the educational day it's primary concern. She said the system needs to be sure to keep enough fuel to transport the children to and from school.

"More than half of our students ride buses," she said. "If we don't have diesel, most likely parents won't have gas either to bring the students to school." Ingram assured board members she had spoken with the school system's supplier, and fuel would be delivered as soon as possible.

In regards to football games, she said the groups would combine for space allowing the schools to cut back on the number of buses currently being used. Also, she said the office personnel would limit travel until concern is lifted.

Ingram also told board members Thursday evening that children who are victims of Hurricane Katrina displaced to the area would be welcome to attend the Coffee County Schools. She said the state department of education will allow local schools to waive restrictions regarding records to

allow the children to return to school.

Board members approved a recommendation from Ingram to award the Zion Chapel roof bid at \$749,008 for the gym and elementary building. Ingram said the system will waive approximately \$25,000 on sales tax through this bid which will bring it down to around \$724,000. She also said the system will receive some money from insurance since both were damaged by a hail storm earlier this year.

Ingram said this job will not begin until Christmas or after, but because of Hurricane Katrina and rising gas prices, she thought it best to go ahead and award the bid.

Out-of-state travel was approved for FFA members at all three schools wanting to attend the upcoming ag expo in Moultrie, Ga.

During Thursday evening's meeting, board members approved the following personnel matters:

Certified: Accept the resignation of Jenelle H. Smith as business education teacher at Kinston School.

REMINDER

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Helping those hit by Hurricane Katrina

Elba Church of God sends food and supplies to Bayou LaBatre

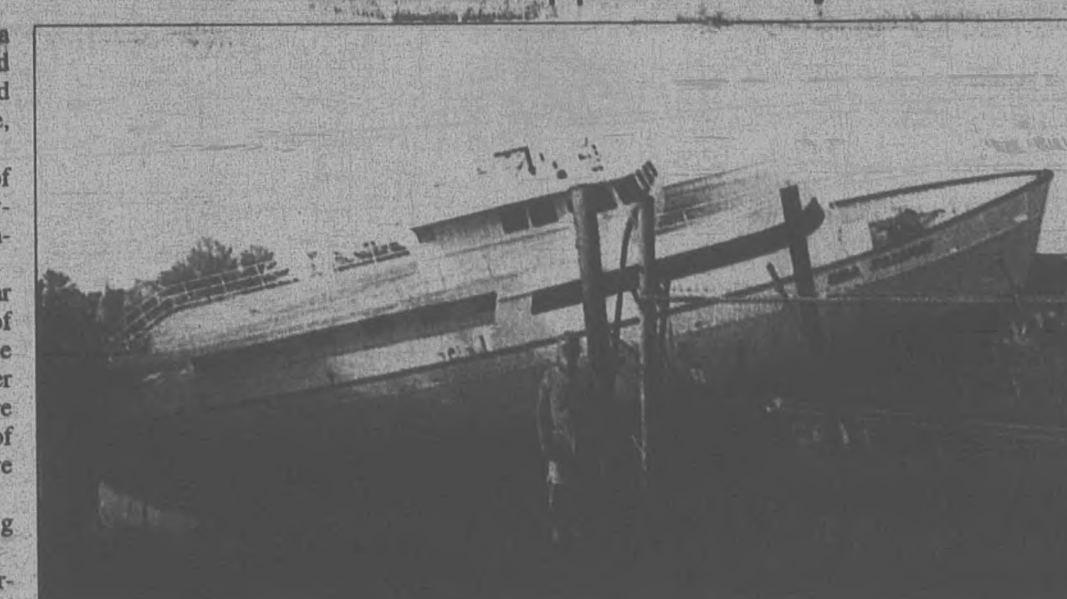
On Saturday, Sept. 3, the Elba Church of God sponsored and delivered 1,500 pounds of food and supplies to Bayou LaBatre, Ala.

The general headquarters of the Church of God also delivered food and supplies in operation compassion.

Bayou LaBatre is in the far western most southern part of Alabama. Oyster industry is the main stable of industry. Over one thousand homes were either destroyed by the winds of Hurricane Katrina or were flooded by the storm surge.

Electricity slowly is being restored in the area.

Elba Church of God is offering assistance to victims and displaced storm evacuees. Food is available to those who need it as long as it lasts.



This boat in Bayou LaBatre, Ala., was lifted by Hurricane Katrina and placed halfway on land. Standing in front of the boat is Bill Washburn, a member of the Elba Church of God. He helped deliver the load of food and supplies delivered to the storm ravaged area.

Elba City Schools' superintendent speaks at Lions Club meeting

Danny Weeks, Elba City Schools superintendent, served Tuesday evening, Aug. 23, as guest speaker at the Elba Lions Club meeting.

In his report to club members, Weeks said both schools, elementary and high, are off to a wonderful start for the new school year due in large part to extensive planning efforts by staff at each location. He praised his administrative staff and the tremendous dedication of the instructional staff, as well

as the maintenance, custodial and office personnel.

"We just have dedicated professionals ready and willing to do what is best for our students," Weeks said. "Today, teaching is so much more than a 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. job. It requires extensive planning during and after school hours."

Weeks also informed club members that both schools have shown outstanding gains in academic achievement with the high school scoring 94 percent

County Commissioner J.L. Weeks receives certificate for completing 50 hours of training

Several of Alabama's county commissioners recently joined

an elite group of county officials by completing 50 hours of training from the Alabama Local Government Training Institute on the basic responsibilities of the county commission.

These officials were honored on Thursday, Aug. 25, during the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama's 77th Annual Convention's Awards Ceremony. Those receiving a certificate for completing the 50 hours of training included J. L. Weeks of Coffee County.

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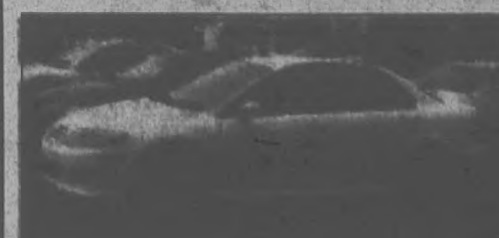
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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The still unfolding disaster along the coasts of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana is almost impossible to accept as a reality. It has glaringly pointed out some of the shortfalls with the United States' system of responding to such emergencies. Some may think they know exactly who's fault this compound disaster should be credited to. However, one expert hit the nail on the head when saying, "There is enough blame to go around". In other words a lot of people and/or agencies came up short in their reaction timing.

While no one can condone mass looting, it is possible to understand a person taking food and water for themselves and/or family members. Maybe even a pair of shoes if stranded without a personal pair. We would probably do those things ourself. However plasma TV's, guns and whiskey don't fall in that group. Having lived through two floods and reported and photographed in several tornado areas, plane crashes, millions of wrecks, etc., we know that the vast majority of people will go out of their way to avoid even the slightest appearance of taking things in these circumstances. Not so with the rouge element so well documented by TV cameras in New Orleans last week. People like that give humanity a bad name. Then it also becomes hard to have sympathy for the time it has taken to get to those still stranded in the flood area when there are reports of rescue helicopters, boats, etc. being shot at and/or hijacked from the distressed area. Why should anyone with an already dangerous task be expected to take on even more dangers just because isolated disaster victims are apparently mad when sick folks in the hospital are getting needed help before their "gimme" mindset is satisfied.

It is normal for civilized people to sit around and claim to be "higher beings", believing that the human is above the survival actions and reactions of animals. Well, anyone who has watched TV during the last week is aware that there are even limits to that human mind superiority. Thousands made a bad mistake opting to ride out the storm that destroyed much of New Orleans. Others probably really didn't have an easy way to leave town. Relief help didn't arrive as soon as it should. . . . This is not the first time, just the largest and most spotlighted. The honest fear of not knowing if storm and/or flood survival was in the picture, fear of roaming bands of lowlifes, hunger and thirst all combined to cause much of the chaos around New Orleans. Very poor people, welfare riders and others with judgement mistakes (inside and outside New Orleans) have combined to shoot TV ratings through the ceiling. It also managed to put America's dirty linen in the spotlight. That in turn got the attention of a lot of local, state and federal officials, including the president of the United States. But will the lesson sink in?

Our oldest son Chris is in the disaster area with his National Guard unit out of Bryant. He indicates the damages are even worse than shown in the pictures. His unit has moved around a bit and is now in Pascagoula, Mississippi, moving there on Monday of this week. The troops think they have "arrived". The unit now has electricity, running water and . . . real bathroom facilities. At their previous assignment the porta-potties didn't even show up for several days. That meant they went back to some basic Army training and dug a few latrines. Something that had to be dug to Army specs and then filled in to the same Army standards. We personally know about those things and as bad as they seem, it is a far cry better than the Superdome with no running water and thousands of people needing latrine facilities for days and days on end! Upon being told this, I was hopeful next week will bring some good news.

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Thank you all for the food, flowers, cards, calls, & visits during my surgery and recovery time. Your kindness and words of encouragement were greatly appreciated.

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"Why money and not food?"

Editorial by Rick Lance

The scenes of destruction in Louisiana and Mississippi are harrowing, heart-rending and deeply troubling. Virtually no one could fail to be moved by the devastation of human lives and property we see in television coverage.

For many of us, the first impulse may well be to ponder ways to get food, water and other staples of life to the hardest hit areas. We intensely wish for an instantaneous way to transfer material goods to those in dire circumstances.

So why should one give money instead of food? The simple answer is access. It's impossible for any citizen with a generous heart and a decent bank account to enter the neediest areas of the Gulf Coast. Many of the roads are blocked either by damage or for security reasons by the authorities.

But there are organizations that have access to some of these areas. Four of the major players are the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),

the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army (TSA) and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief.

In numerous media reports during the past few days, as well as in past disasters, Southern Baptists - along with the other organizations - have been affirmed and recognized as key providers and distributors of food and water with proven track records and efficient means of delivery.

Because of this, these organizations can get food and water to storm victims more quickly than, say, a well-meaning individual who strikes out with a full load in a pickup truck. SUV, U-Haul or other reliable means of transporting charitable goods.

Even in those areas such as New Orleans, which at this writing are virtually inaccessible, it will be FEMA, TSA, the Red Cross, and Southern Baptists who will almost certainly gain access first.

One might ask, "Why not simply donate water, food and other staples to these organizations rather than making financial donations?"

The reason is because the kinds of containers needed for water and the types of food needed for mass feeding sites cannot be acquired in retail stores.

The providing of disaster relief on the scale of what is needed in New Orleans, Biloxi and other areas is much more of a science than an art.

As the Red Cross delivers food and highly trained volunteers prepare and serve meals, they do so with initial supplies of food that were in stock and ready for the current disaster. These include such items as thousands of industrial size containers of food that can be efficiently prepared for quick serving to hungry people.

It's sad but true that the kinds of donations of food that would be collected in a public drive would be random in the selection and ill suited for use in mass feeding operations.

An illustration: During relief efforts after Hurricane Dennis in south Alabama, Southern Baptist disaster relief workers on one day prepared massive pots of ravioli - each cooking vessel

holding several gallons of food. Can you imagine how difficult it would be if the cooks had to sort through assorted and miscellaneous cans of donated food to try to locate enough of one item to cook for several hundred people for a single meal? Then imagine having to repeat that with each and every meal to be prepared.

The labor needed to open the many smaller type cans that would likely come from public food donations would be extremely time intensive.

But when well-meaning people with generous hearts donate money to these front-line organizations, they are able to buy large food stocks. This enables them to move food quickly from container to cookpot to serving dishes.

This enables feeding operations to continue beyond the few meals that may be prepared from the food that was already on standby for the current disaster.

Here are some benevolent efforts by churches and other organizations across portions of central and north Alabama where food donations may be helpful to assist evacuees and those who are helping them with their lives.

But for those remaining in the tragically impacted Gulf Coast of Mississippi and Louisiana, it is only monetary donations that will help at this point and for many weeks to come.

Please consider giving through the disaster relief funds of these front-line organizations. Those who prefer to contribute through a faith-based group might consider The Salvation Army or Southern Baptists' Disaster Relief Fund.

Southern Baptists have pledged - as have other groups - that not a single penny of these donations will be used for any administrative costs or other expenses of their ministry organizations.

Monetary donations will ensure that highly effective relief efforts can happen sooner rather than later. A generous response will also ensure the food supplies are not depleted and that the feeding operations are able to continue.

The need for feeding, once begun, will obviously continue for a long, long time.

Information on how to contribute may be found on these web sites: www.fema.gov, www.redcross.org, www.salvationarmyusa.org and www.sbs-bm.org.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 29, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one theft, one breaking and entering a motor vehicle, one missing juvenile, two for possession of a controlled substance, two for resisting arrest, three for harassment, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, one robbery, one burglary, two for theft of property, one child neglect, one public intoxication, one assault, one forgery, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one driving under the influence, one minor in consumption, one discharging a firearm in the city limits, one sexual abuse.

The following arrests were made: two for theft of property, two for failure to appear, two for resisting arrest, one for possession of a controlled substance, two for failure to pay, two for possession of a controlled substance, one for criminal mischief, one for assault, one for domestic violence, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, two for driving under the influence and one for minor in consumption.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no driver's license, five for not wearing a seat belt, eight for speeding, four for a suspended driver's license, one for improper equipment, three for a revoked driver's license, one for attempting to elude police officers, two for no insurance, two for reckless driving, one for no open container, one for no proof of insurance, one for a switched tag and one for driving with only a learner's permit.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, AUGUST 29 - 7:00 a.m.: Coffey County EMS dispatched to 323 County Rd. 134 (8:48 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Factory Avenue outside the police department (11:21 a.m.); Wreck reported at the Dollar General store (2:41 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30 - 7:00 a.m.: Coffey County EMS dispatched to 3079 County Rd. 308 (10:57 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 87 N. (5:21 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Legion Field (10:12 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 2815 Old Curtis Rd. (11:26 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31 - Coffey County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 306 (3:06 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported on Hwy. 87 N. (1:21 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Legion Field on Hwy. 87 N. (1:54 p.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Hickman Ave. and the 203 Bypass (7:14 p.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - Coffey County EMS dispatched to 1499 Davis St. (12:50 a.m.); Burglary reported at 816 Putnam St. (3:20 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Mr. Henry's (9:07 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - Coffey County EMS dispatched to 1402 County Rd. 321 (2:17 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (2:23 a.m.); Fight in progress reported at the Elba General Hospital ER (6:06 a.m.); Wreck (truck vs. pole) reported on Newton St. (10:55 a.m.); Coffey County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87 N. (5:21 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1446 Smith Ave. (11:43 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - Fight in progress reported at 1110 Hickman Ave. (5:53 a.m.); Possible criminal mischief reported at 671 Lee St. (9:10 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported in front of the Elba City Hall (10:12 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 2815 Old Curtis Rd. (11:26 p.m.).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - Coffey County EMS dispatched to 1204 Deal St. (2:23 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at a residence across from the gym (3:01 p.m.).

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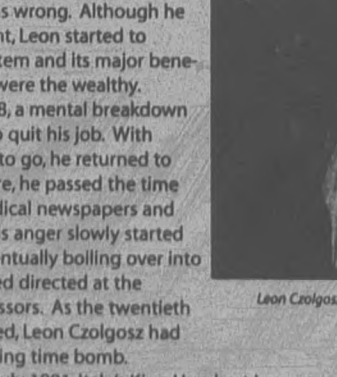
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Obituaries

ANNIE GRANT McLEOD CARTER

Mrs. Annie Grant McLeod Carter, age 85, of Luverne, Ala., died Friday, Aug. 12, 2005.

Graveside services were held Aug. 14, 2005 from the Elam Cemetery of Goshen, Ala., with Rev. Stanley Carter officiating and Turner Funeral Home of Luverne directing.

Mrs. Carter was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Carter; her parents, John and Bonnie Robertson McLeod; six brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include one sister: Mildred (Maxie) Bozeman, Brantley, Ala.

CLAUDIA INEZ STIREWALT Mrs. Claudia Inez Stirewalt, age 92, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005 at Elba General Hospital in Elba.

Graveside services were held Sept. 4, 2005 at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

The family request in lieu of flowers contributions be made to: St. Jude Children's Hospital • 501 St. Jude Place • Memphis, TN.

Survivors include one daughter: Sandra Tucker, Southport, Fla.; one son: Jim Cook, Portland, OR; one sister: Juanita McDowell Jones, Auburn, Ala.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

RACHELLE BOZEMAN GREEK Ms. Rachelle Bozeman, age 42, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005 in Gantt, Ala.

Memorial services were held Sept. 4, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Reverend Mart Gray officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Covenant

Community Church building fond or Zion Chapel Baptist Church cemetery fund. Ms. Greek was preceded in death by her father, Weldon L. Bozeman.

Survivors include his wife: Shirley Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind.; one daughter: Heather Harrison Floyd (Bob), Millbrook, Ala.; one son: Charles Gary "Chip" Harrison Jr. (Stephanna), Wetumpka, Ala.; one stepdaughter: Aimee Leach Cart (Jeff), Indianapolis; his parents: R.D. and Lessie Harrison, Elba; and six grandchildren.

CHARLES "GARY" HARRISON Mr. Charles "Gary" Harrison, age 57, born on Oct. 27, 1947, died Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005.

Formerly of Panama City Beach, Fla., Gary lost his six-year battle with melanoma on August 31, 2005.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005.

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Journalism Spotlight

by Tori Brooks

This week's journalism spotlight is Duke Carr.

This senior is involved in many school activities. Duke is the Vice President of Student Council Association, Vice President of the Senior class, Treasurer of Ambassadors, on the Journalism Staff, a member of Sr. Beta, Spanish Club and Varsity Basketball team.

When not involved in school, Duke enjoys hanging out with friends, playing basketball, and writing. His favorite part of being in journalism is getting to work on the yearbook.

Duke got his name from the legendary actor John Wayne, a famous movie actor back in the



Duke Carr

60s. Congratulations, Duke, on being selected this week's Journalism Spotlight.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Sydney Brunson)...If only they had read the sign.

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Co-Op Spotlight

by Christina Bryant



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is Traci Spinks.

Traci is the 16-year-old daughter of Mike and Shirli Spinks. She is currently employed by Kelley Foods of Alabama and has worked there since August. Her jobs include clerical work and updating data.

After high school, Traci plans to attend Enterprise-Ozark Community College and later transfer to a university to continue pursuing her degree.

In her spare time, Traci enjoys being with friends and family, reading and writing poetry.

Traci can be described as a fun, outgoing person who loves to enjoy life. Thanks, Traci, for being this week's Co-Op Spotlight.

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Elba High welcomes new English teacher

by Shawanna Wright

Elba High School this school year welcomed Amanda Martin as a new faculty member. Mrs. Martin has been happily married to Chris Martin for eight years. She attended the University of Alabama and has now been teaching for eight years.

Mrs. Martin previously taught

at South Montgomery County Academy and Highland Home. Now, she has been welcomed here at Elba High School with open arms, where she is currently teaching English for grades 7, 9, and 10.

We are glad to have Mrs. Martin with us and hope she enjoys being with our great faculty and students.

Welcome to EHS, Mrs. Martin!



Amanda Martin

Sportswear pageant set for Sept. 25th at Enterprise Civic Center

Calendar Beauties is having a Sportswear Only pageant Sunday, September 25th, 2005 at the Enterprise Civic Center.

Deadline to enter is September 19th. There is an entry fee and optional Supreme Queen fee.

Queens will receive a rhinestone crown, embroidered banner, and trophy. Alternates will receive a princess banner and rhinestone crown. All contestants will place as a princess.

Contact Ashley for more information at (334) 791-0278 or visit the website at <http://calendarbeauties.net>. Proceeds benefit VOCAL.



Student Spotlight

by Duke Carr

This week's Student Spotlight shines on Ashley Carpenter.

Ashley is the 15 year-old daughter of Calvin and Marietta Carpenter. This sophomore is actively involved in a variety of extracurricular activities.

Ashley is involved with Sr. Beta, Student Council, the Marching Tiger Band, Varsity Basketball, and Varsity Softball.

When not tied up by her busy school schedule, Ashley enjoys playing sports and twirling her flag in the marching band.

After graduation Ashley plans to attend the University of Alabama in Birmingham, and major in radiology.

Ashley describes herself as easy to get along with, athletic, and a fun person to be around.

Ashley's personal quote is, "Hope is the kind of pain that makes you want to try again."

When asked what her most memorable moment at Elba



Ashley Carpenter

High School, Ashley replied, "My most memorable moment at Elba High was winning the first and second round of Sub-State for softball my freshmen year and getting the chance to go to state."

Congratulations Ashley on being this week's Student Spotlight!!!!

GRIDIRON PRIDE

CHAPTER THREE

by Linda M. Hodge

Each day practice seemed to get tougher and more intense, but at least Tad was beginning to feel like he fit in somewhere. He and Eric had become pretty good friends by the end of summer practice, and Eric helped him adjust to things at Dalton City High once school got underway.

He also helped show Tad around town and had introduced him to several people Tad now was beginning to call his own friends.

Tad didn't realize how much he missed having "real" friends until he finally started settling in at his new home. He remained upset with his dad for making such a drastic decision in moving, but he also was kind of glad to be in Dalton City. That, however, he would keep to himself with no intention of telling his dad. He certainly didn't want to give him any reason to gloat.

"How are things going?" David asked one night during supper. "You've been so busy with the team and the start of school, we haven't had much of an opportunity to talk lately."

"Things are fine Dad. I'm making the best of the situation, and trying to fulfill all your requirements."

"Coach Andrews tells me things are going pretty good with the team. He said you have done a good job and have been working hard."

"That was part of the deal."

"I know that, but aren't you having a good time?"

"It's okay."

"Are you excited about the season opener, tomorrow evening? Do you think you'll get to play?" Coach said he's been working you at wide receiver on offense and safety on the other side of the ball."

"Yeah, he seems to think I'm best suited for those positions. I don't really expect to play any time soon, though. There are too many other guys that have been working at this much longer and deserve to play. I do have a question, though."

"What's that?"

"You've always talked about the pride and

tradition of Ambassador football, but sometimes I don't get the impression people are as in to the program as you've always described. Based on what the guys say, it seems like everybody's kind of fallen in a rut, and people don't have the faith in the team they once had."

"I guess you could say people have a hard time dealing with change. Back when Coach Andrews and I were on the team, the entire community just knew we were going to have a winning team, and some how we always did. Several years later, things changed. The losses seemed to outweigh the wins, and I guess some people did lose faith over time."

"Well, the guys are determined to change that main of thought this year."

"Football is like everything else in life, son. Once faith is lost, it takes a lot of to change people's minds. If that's the case here in Dalton City, the team and coaches will have to work really hard to make a difference."

"Are you coming to the game? Like I said, I most likely won't play."

"I'll be there. You are a part of the team, and I will be there to support you and you're teammates whether you're on the field or walking the sidelines. I'd be there even if you weren't on the team."

"Well, I guess we'll see tomorrow if all the hard work is going to pay off..."

"All I can say is, 'Go, Red and Blue!'" David said with a joking smile. He was proud his son whether he wanted to hear it or not. However, it remained unclear if Tad was beginning to understand the real reason he wanted him to join the team or if he was still missing the point.

Author Linda M. Hodge is a native of Elba, Alabama. Gridiron Pride is produced in partnership with this newspaper. Copyright 2005.

Next Week: CHAPTER FOUR
Tad's first game brings new intensity

Troy University nursing students help storm victims

Troy University School of Nursing students and faculty were scheduled to arrive Thursday, Sept. 1, in Hattiesburg, Miss., to help with the relief efforts of Hurricane Katrina.

The students decided to volunteer after hearing about a similar situation at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. The students will be helping nurses at Wesley Medical Center in Hattiesburg, Miss., said Bernita Hamilton, Director of the School of Nursing.

"Much-needed medical supplies will also be delivered to Forest General Hospital in Hattiesburg," Dr. Hamilton said. Troy Regional Medical

Center and Lakeview Hospital in Eufaula donated the supplies for delivery by the faculty and students.

Governor offers state park lodging and camping sites for storm evacuees

Governor Bob Riley is offering hotel and lodge rooms and camp sites suitable for emergency housing trailers at Alabama's 22 state parks to evacuees who have fled from Hurricane Katrina's path of destruction. There are 1,500 camp sites that are suitable for trailer hookups at Alabama's state parks.

Evacuees in need of the trailers or rooms must first register

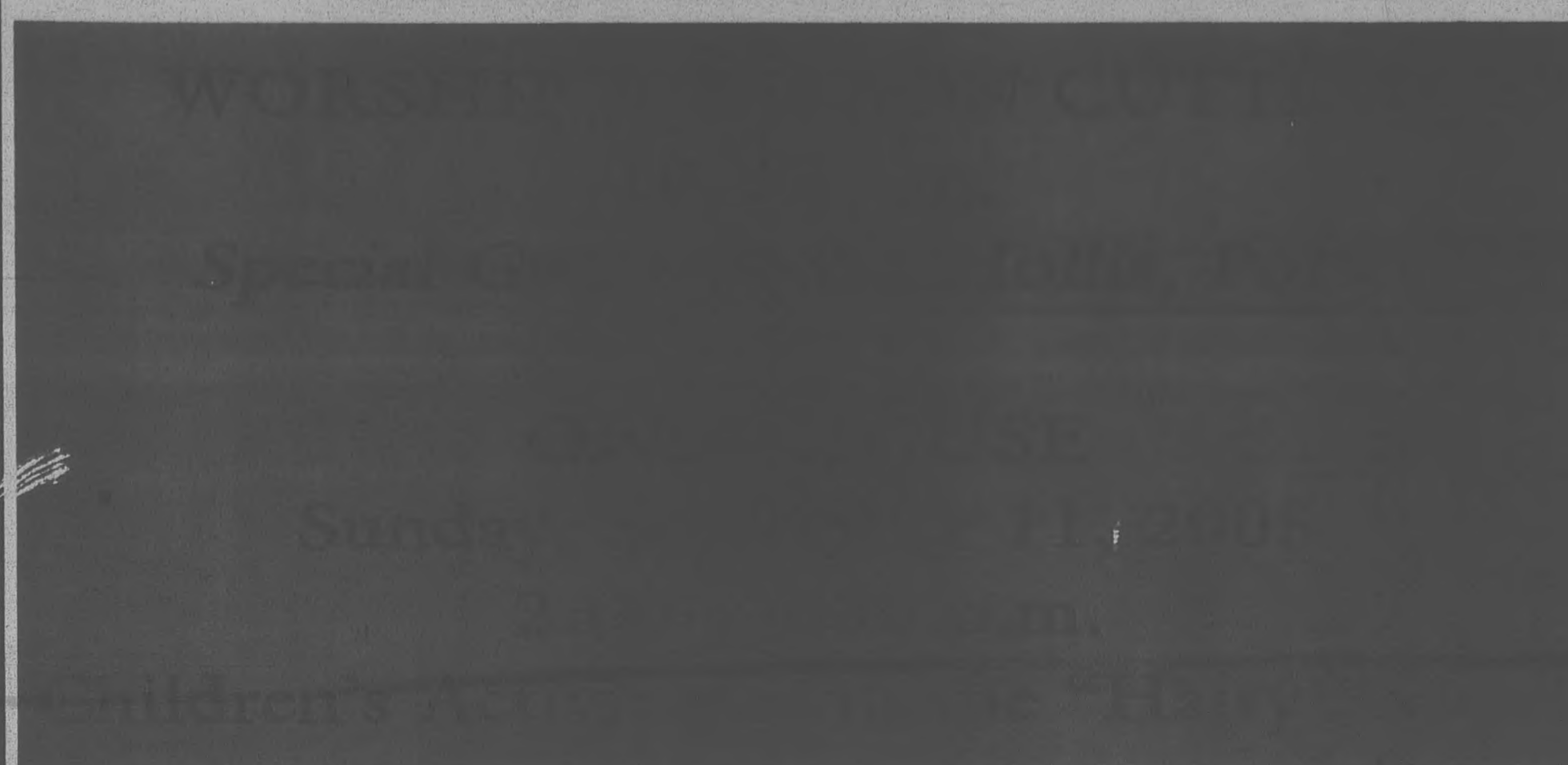
The students involved with this trip include LeAnn Leslie Winburn of New Brockton, Ala.

with FEMA by calling 1-800-621-FEMA. FEMA will then coordinate its resources, direct evacuees to nearby locations for this temporary housing assistance and provide trailers that will serve as emergency housing.

"Alabama is doing everything we can to help citizens in our state and across the region who are suffering," Governor Riley said.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2004, Steven Thomas, an individual, executed and delivered to William A. English, Diane P. English and Lee Ann English, a mortgage on certain real estate hereinafter described, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Official Records Book 80A, at Pages 307 & 308, and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said mortgage as provided herein, which default continues at this date, and said mortgage is subject to foreclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, three weeks notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the courthouse doors, main entrance, in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 15, 2005, the real estate being more particularly described as lying and being sit-

uated in Coffee County, State of Alabama, to-wit:

PARCEL ONE: Lot No. Twelve (12) of Block "C" of the Pine Cove Subdivision to the City of Elba, Alabama, according to the plat of the same which is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, in Miscellaneous Book 8, Page 581, reference to which plat is hereby made in aid of and as a part of the description. Together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon.

PARCEL TWO: Lot 44, Block C, of Pine Cove Subdivision to the City of Elba, Alabama, as the same appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, in Plat Book 1, Page 36, reference to the same being made in lieu of other or better description.

PARCEL THREE: Lot 45, Block C, of Pine Cove Subdivision to the City of Elba, Alabama, as the same appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, in Plat Book 1, Page 36, reference to the same being made in lieu of other or better description.

Subject to easements, restrictions and reservations appearing of record.

Said sale and conveyance will also be made subject to the legal rights of existing Federal Tax Liens, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect title to said property.

Said sale will be made as provided in said mortgage for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage with interest thereon, and any amounts due or to become due by insurance or other charges provided in said mortgage, and the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee. Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to all encumbrances, easements, and exceptions contained in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate where the above described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment, and shall be subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

William A. English, Diane P. English, and Alan English, Attorneys for William A. English, Diane P. English, and Alan English, 348 Simmons Street, Elba, AL 36323 (334) 897-5161 8-25-05 11-8 chg

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

COFFEE COUNTY, ELBA, ALABAMA

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by MICHAEL SMITH and WIFE, SHELLY SMITH to ACCEPTANCE LOAN COMPANY, INC. dated October 27, 1997 and recorded November 12, 1997, said mortgage being recorded in OR Book 24-A, Page 132 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama. The undersigned, ACCEPTANCE LOAN COMPANY, INC., under and by virtue of the sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Courthouse door of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours on September 15, 2005, the following real estate situated in Elba, Alabama, as the same appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, in Plat Book 1, Page 36, reference to the same being made in lieu of other or better description.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

WILLIAM MARTIN, DECEASED

Case No. PC-05-81

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Linda Rose and Donnie Martin, as Executors and Executor of the Estate of William Charles Martin, deceased, on the 29th day of August, 2005, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the estate of William Charles Martin, deceased, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Linda Rose and Donnie Martin, Executors and Executor of the Estate of William C. Martin, Deceased

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF GERALD L. HATAWAY, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary under the will of Gerald L. Hatway, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned on the 30th day of August, 2005, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

J. Johnny H. Locklear and Jane L. Logan, Co-Executors

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PHILLIP BURDESHAW, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

ALICIA DIANE BURDESHAW, DEFENDANT.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Views From... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

My Mom has lived in Mobile for years and is still battling 1,000 against hurricanes as she survived Katrina with only a few downed trees that all missed the house. She did give in back earlier in the summer and left home to avoid one storm, but she will tell you she has seen hurricanes come and go, has seen the causeway under water dozens of times, has seen the bay all but drained by a hurricane a few years back and has even seen the bay frozen over. It looks like the only ones that worry when a storm heads toward Mobile are my brothers and I.

TIGERS CRASH AND BURN IN COTTONWOOD

The Elba Tigers were flying high last week when they landed in Cottonwood for a region battle with the 0-1 Bears, but crashed and burned in a 47-12 loss and now must try and regroup in a hurry if they hope to avoid a similar start to the one they suffered through a year ago. The Tigers seemed flat and uninspired during pregame warm-ups and that lack of spirit carried over into the game as they fell behind early and never even threatened to rally and make a game out of it. One long time Elba fan told me after the game that the difference in the game was Cottonwood played "real" hard-nosed football, while the Tigers appeared to be playing like they were in a phys ed class and instead of hitting simply reached out and touched their opponent. I don't know what happened, but the team that wore the black and gold Friday night didn't resemble the team that opened the season at home with a big win over a very good team from Brantley. Will the real Elba Tigers please stand up, and keep standing week after week!

AREA TEAMS STRUGGLE IN WEEK #2 ACTION

The second week of the high school football season wasn't one to write home about for many area teams as the Brantley Bulldogs were the only team to escape with a win. Here is a quick look back...

*** **BRANTLEY** - The Bulldogs were expected to have an easy time with Goshen and did just that as they posted a lopsided 53-0 win over the Eagles. Brantley had a much better team than it showed in its opening week loss and last week was the start of what will be the first in a long line of wins for the 'Dogs this season. Watch out, these Bulldogs are still hungry, and still mad.

*** **NEW BROCKTON** - Dropped a heart-breaking 8-7 overtime decision to Houston County in a key region contest, but the Gamecocks showed a lot of character and poise in battling the home standing Lions on even terms for four quarters and gained a lot of respect, even in the loss. Look for the loss to only make the Gamecocks more determined and lead the team to better days in the weeks to come.

*** **ZION CHAPEL** - The Rebels took it on the chin for the second straight week in a 56-0 loss to Florala and even though it's only the third week of the season the time has already come for the Rebels to sit down and regroup. Zion Chapel has a killer early-season schedule and most thought it would start out 0-3, but the huge loss can't do anyone any good and the time is now for the Rebels to stand up and be counted.

*** **KINSTON** - The Bulldogs looked flat in a 28-0 setback to Arton in a key region battle and all of the sudden the excitement is gone for the Bulldogs as they get ready for week #3. Kinston's opening week win was good for the program and great for the players, but it was only one win and the Bulldogs have to realize it takes the best they have each and every week to hang wins on their side of the ledger. C'mon 'Dogs, remember how good it felt after the win and enjoy that feeling again.

SECOND WEEK OF SEASON WAS A GOOD ONE

The second week of the high school football season is now in the record books and even though games this early in the season rarely make or break a season, there were some games that made me sit up and take notice. Here are a few...

*** Carroll, of Ozark, gave new coach Ronnie Cottrell his first win of the season by upsetting fourth-ranked Stanhope Elmore 26-25, in a big region contest. The Eagles have been also-rans for a long time in the 5A ranks, but maybe their new coach has made them believers and after two games they are ready to take a giant step forward.

*** Enterprise made it look easy in a 35-3 romp past Dothan and the folks across the county are already excited and talking playoffs. It has been a long time since the Wildcats have been a team to watch in the 6A ranks, but this team is loaded with talent and once it finds its own personality it may be ready to make lots of noise.

*** Eufaula pounded Charles Henderson 45-14 and the people up in Troy have to be getting a little concerned after losing to Pike County in preseason play and now getting blown out in a region game. The win was a big one for the Tigers and may pump new life back into the Eufaula program, but the opposite may be true for the Tigers.

*** Luverne dumped Marbury 33-20 in its region opener and it looks like the Tigers from Crenshaw County haven't missed a beat under their new coach. The Tigers have been winners for many, many years under several coaches and it is easy to see this year will be no different as they once again make post-season plans.

*** T.R. Miller posted a 29-7 win over Straughn and it looks like the Tigers from over in Antioch may finally be headed for a rebuilding season. Straughn has been one of the top teams in the state for over a decade both in 2A and 3A, but after an 0-2 start it looks like the Tigers may finally find out what life is like in the middle of the pack.

*** Robert E. Lee got its first win in over a year by getting past Rutherford 10-6 and hopes are high up in the Capitol City that the Generals are back on the march. Lee has struggled ever since Coach

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Spence McCracken left several years ago and its once proud program hit rock bottom a year ago when it posted an 0-10 record. With an early-season win under their belts the Generals may be ready to make at least a little noise.

and, Sweet Water pounded Akron 84-6 to up its record to 2-0 and the Bulldogs have already made it clear after only two weeks that they do intend to defend their 1A crown.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** I too was surprised Auburn lost its home opener to Georgia Tech, but when you sit down and think about it the Tigers will be in a definite rebuilding mode this season after losing their quarterback, their top two running backs, their best defensive player and their defensive coordinator from a year ago, and there will be weeks they struggle on both sides of the ball. There are some easy wins coming up that will make everyone on the Plains happy and move the Tigers back up in the polls. However, last season is over and those that expected another undefeated season simply don't understand college football.

*** Alabama fans were happy the Tide opened with a win, even if it was against a team that Troy University pounds on a regular basis. The Tide struggled in the opening half before taking command late, and after one week it looks like they are still a few years away from being even a shell of the old Tide teams that were SEC contenders. Alabama may have a winning season, but it will be a struggle and depend on a little luck.

*** It seems like the Southern Cal-Hawaii game would draw little interest way down here in Alabama, but after watching Alabama play the Rainbow Warriors the last two years I watched the game and was pulling for the Trojans to score 100 points. Over the last two seasons Hawaii has been one of the dirtiest teams in the nation and I couldn't understand why the officials allowed their coach to stay on the field to scream and shout about every call that didn't go his way. Oh well, it was a great game for me to watch as the Trojans coasted to a big 63-17 win. Aloha.

*** The Atlanta Braves just keep on winning and it looks like they may very well get to hang another division banner on the fence. Every year I think the Braves will stumble and miss the playoffs, but somehow Bobby Cox and his bunch keep on winning and they fall in the post-season. With all the injuries that have occurred and all the rookies in the line-up this could be the year they actually win in the playoffs. I don't really think so, but it will make Doc happy for me to even think it.

*** In closing... Now that gas has reached \$3 a gallon maybe the NASCAR officials could throw a new look into the mix and issue each team a credit card for each race, with all the cards being for different amounts. That way each team would know how much fuel it can use and if the card maxes out the driver would have to pull up to the pits and pay cash. Now that would be fun to watch.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator posted a 22-4 slate last week to move his early-season record to 40-12 and when he stopped by over the weekend he predicted the weeks ahead would be even better. The local guesspert is off to a pretty good start, but until he figures out the Tigers from here in Elba a perfect week may be out of reach. Here are this week's picks...

Looking for key region win

Tigers hope to slow down high-scoring Raiders

The Elba Tigers will be looking to regain some respect and even their region record Friday night when they travel to Dothan to battle the undefeated and high-scoring Houston Academy Raiders, at Northcutt Field.

The Tigers will bring a 1-1 record into the contest, while the Raiders will enter the game with a 2-0 slate.

"Houston Academy has looked awfully good in its first two games and will present us with another huge challenge," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "It still runs out of the wing-t on offense and has two very quick backs that run behind the big arm physical offensive line. On offense they put a lot of points on the scoreboard and try to create a lot of confusion with misdirection and traps. Over on defense they are very aggressive, run to the football and put their helmets on their opponents."

The Raiders of Coach Rodney Dollar posted a 7-4 record last season after an 0-2 start and lost to eventual state champion Leroy in the second round of the playoffs. They paid back last year's opening two opponents by posting lopsided wins over G.W. Long 47-13 and Geneva County 58-0, and will enter this week's region encounter as the hottest team in the region.

Houston Academy is led on offense by the 1-2 punch of running backs Domini Rich and Stanley Jones. Rich (5-10, 185) has gained 345 yards on 39 carries and scored 7 touchdowns in the Raiders two wins this season, while Jones (6-0, 180) has added 160 yards on 21 carries and has scored 2 touchdowns, with one coming on a 99-yard kickoff return. Watson Downs (5-10, 170) is back at quarterback after missing much of last season with an injury, while back-up Colby Martin (6-2, 185) started in four games a year ago and gives the Raiders two experienced signal-callers. The offensive line is back and stronger than ever, led by seniors Ryan Brooks (6-6, 230), Van Carroll (5-10, 185) and Collins White (6-3, 180), along with junior Luke Griffith (6-3, 235).

The Houston Academy defense has allowed only two touchdowns in two games and is led by linebacker David Flowers (6-2, 200), a one-man wrecking crew that last season made 126 tackles and forced 5 fumbles. The Raiders also return the nucleus of their line, which averages over 210 pounds per man, and their entire secondary.

"If we hope to bring home a win this week we will have to be much improved in all aspects of the game and play with pride and emotion," added Coach Rials. "On offense we will need to cut down on our turnovers

ELBA VS. HOUSTON ACADEMY

The Pea River felines lost more than a little for last week in their battle with some Bears over in the woods of Houston County and this week must sneak back over and try to steal a win from an army of unbeaten Raiders. The Raiders have been hitting their targets in opening season action and unless the felines are careful they too could feel the sting of defeat. Ouch! HOUSTON ACADEMY 31 ELBA 18

NEW BROCKTON VS. WICKSBURG

The Gamecocks put up quite a battle last week before being pushed out of the cage in overtime by some Lions over near the Georgia line and this week will head over on Highway 84 to meet another kind of cat when they tangle with the Panthers from Wicksburg. While the Gamecocks may be missing a few feathers, they still have more than enough left to put a hurt on these cats. NEW BROCKTON 27 WICKSBURG 0

ZION CHAPEL VS. BRANTLEY

The Rebels will need to get everyone inside the fort and circle the wagons tight Friday night before the Bulldogs from across the river make their way into Jack. These 'Dogs are hungry and a little mad and plan to feast down at Green Memorial Stadium before heading back to the pen. Oh yea, don't forget to hide the children. BRANTLEY 45 ZION CHAPEL 8

KINSTON VS. PLEASANT HOME

The Bulldogs from down river got a little embarrassed last week by some purple looking Cats and this week will try to have a little fun when they lead over to the woods of Covington County to do some bird hunting. The Eagles haven't been easy to spot for the 'Dogs in the past; however, something tells me the 'Dogs may head home hungry late Friday night. PLEASANT HOME 22 KINSTON 15

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ed, "We had a good week of practice and knew what they were going to do, but never got into the game as a group and the result was embarrassing. We played with no intensity and weren't ready to play from the time we stepped off the bus. On offense we moved the ball, but stopped ourselves with turnovers that kept us off the board and demoralized us. On defense we did not have a good effort and got pushed around. We simply weren't ready to play against a very good and very physical team that hit us in the mouth on every play."

Spotlight on the.... OUTDOORS



LYN LEWIS, of Elba, brought down this big bull elk while hunting on August 23 in the Northwest corner of Utah in the Wasatch National Forest. Lyn shot the elk at just over 200 yards using a 308 caliber rifle with a 180 grain bullet. The elk scored in at 384 7/8" and weighed 1,147 pounds. He was a nice 6x7 with heavy horns.

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Elba Marching Tiger majorette Ashley Bailey performed Friday night during half-time ceremonies at the Elba-Cottonwood football game. The Marching Tigers will try to keep the Tigers' spirits up this week when they travel to Houston Academy.

Watch record slip to 1-1

Tigers ripped apart by Bear attack 47-12

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers walked into a den of hungry Bears last Friday night in Cottonwood and after two hours of being battered and bruised limped back home with a 1-1 record after being pummeled 47-12, in both teams' region opener.

Cottonwood took command almost from the opening kickoff and settled the outcome early and the Bears scored on their initial three possessions and on one of Elba's possessions to grab a 27-0 lead only minutes into the second quarter.

Cottonwood's first score came on the second snap of the game when Rhyshawh Tillman took a pitch-out and raced 60 yards for a touchdown. Brandon Outlaw ran in the two-point conversion and with 11:11 remaining in the first quarter the Bears were already on top 8-0.

The Bears began their next offensive series at the Elba 46-yardline after a partially blocked punt and this time needed seven running plays to reach paydirt. Michael Curry and Rhyshawh Tillman combined to gain 35 yards on five carries on the scoring march, while Dwayne Whitten scored the touchdown on a 1-yard quarterback sneak.

Whitten also added the extra-point and with 5:32 left in the first quarter Cottonwood's lead was up to 15-0.

Cottonwood began its third offensive series of the quarter at the Elba 46-yardline after a Tiger fumble and eight plays later was back in the endzone. Desmond Henderson scored 22 yards on four carries to spark the scoring drive and scored the

touchdown when he walked up the middle for 11 yards. A two-point run failed, but with 1:03 remaining in the first quarter the Bears owned a big 21-0 advantage.

Elba's offense showed signs of life on its next possession and behind the running of Stefan Burks and the running and passing of Brandon Kelley marched to a first down at the Cottonwood 36-yardline. The drive came to an abrupt end one play after reaching the 36, however, as a Kelley pass was

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Elba's Mason Gulley brought the Tiger fans to their feet on the ensuing kickoff when he sprinted through a hole in the middle of the field and set stalks on a 66-yard kickoff return. The excitement didn't last for long on the Elba sidelines; however, as Gulley fumbled when tackled and Cottonwood regained possession at its own 14-yardline.

The Tigers got the ball back near midfield on an interception by Frank Morris and had a chance to put points on the scoreboard, but a fourth down pass from midfield slipped through the hands of an open Elba receiver at the Cottonwood 10-yardline as the Tigers saw another scoring opportunity slip by the board.

The Bears regained possession at the Elba 49-yardline after the incompleteness and overcame 25 yards in penalties to add to their lead. Dwayne Whitten completed two passes

to Jasma Coachman to highlight the scoring drive while Rhyshawh Tillman capped the drive with a 4-yard scoring run through the middle of the Elba defense. The extra-point try failed, and with 1:27 remaining in the half Cottonwood was on its way to win #1 with a 33-0 advantage.

Elba received the second half kickoff and quickly reached a first down at the Cottonwood 25-yardline on a 14-yard completion from Brandon Kelley to LaRay Williams, only to see

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Elba's Stefan Burks (1) looks for room to run as teammate Chase Boutwell (53) heads downfield as an escort. Burks gained 102 yards on 13 carries and scored 1 touchdown last week in the Tigers' 47-12 region loss to Cottonwood.

STATISTICS	
E	C
12	1st Downs 22
21-99	Rushes-Yds. 56-382
101	Passing Yds. 27
200	Total Offense 409
9-20-2	Passes 2-4-1
8/2	Fumbles/Lost 2/0
1-11	Points-Ave. 0-00
2-15	Penalties-Yds. 10-115

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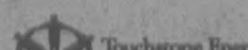
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SPORTS

Lose to Lions 8-7

Gamecocks edged in overtime

Statistics and photos by
Michael Jenkins

The New Brockton Gamecocks traveled to Columbia Friday night for a big region encounter against the Houston County Lions and battled the high-powered Lions on even terms throughout the game before falling in overtime 8-7.

Neither team could mount an offensive threat early in the game as the two rivals butted heads at the line of scrimmage and then punted the ball back and forth on the initial four possessions of the night.

The Gamecocks began their third possession at the Houston County 43-yardline and moved inside the Lions' 20, but turned the ball over on downs early in

the second quarter as the scoreboard remained locked at 0-0. New Brockton regained possession at the Houston County 36-yardline on a fumble recovery and this time marched inside the Houston County 10-yardline, only to be stopped short on a fourth down play at the Lions' 5-yardline.

The Gamecocks threatened again late in the half after New Brockton's Jr. Magwood partially blocked a Houston County punt. However, once again the Gamecocks failed to cash in on the scoring opportunity and at the half the teams went in still tied at 0-0.

The second half was a replay of the first with both defensive units dominating play, and at the end of the fourth quarter the

teams went back to work with the scoreboard still stuck on 0-0. New Brockton got the ball first in overtime and got into the endzone when Jr. Magwood took a handoff on the right side and followed a wall of blockers 5 yards for a touchdown. Heath Danford added the extra-point and the Gamecocks were finally on top 7-0.

Houston County's Seaborn Barber scored on a 3-yard run to cut the Gamecocks' lead to 7-6, and the Lions then pulled out the 8-7 win when Andre Jordan added the two-point conversion on a run around the left end.

"Our guys played their hearts out tonight and I am so proud of all of them," stated New Brockton's Coach Shannon Clark after the game. "I told the team before the two-point conversion that win, lose or draw we didn't have anything to be ashamed of because they all played one heck of a game."

Jr. Magwood gained 86 yards on 23 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the Gamecock offense, while Sheridan Foster added 37 yards on 14 carries and Derrick Cook gained 13 yards on 3 carries and completed 1 of 4 passes for 5 yards. Seaborn Barber gained 68 yards on 17 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead Houston County, while Darnell Robinson added 30 yards on 7 carries and Andre Jordan gained 23 yards on 7 carries.

The New Brockton defense was led by Derrick Cook with 13 tackles, while Justin West had 11 tackles and blocked 2 punts and Adam Crosby also had 11 stops.

STATISTICS

NB	HC
9	1st Downs
42-141	Rushes-Yds.
14	Passing Yds.
155	Total Offense



A Gamecock running back heads for the sidelines in last week's region battle against Houston County. The Gamecocks fell to the Lions 8-7, in overtime.

In week #3 of season

Road games highlight area action

Region play will continue this week for all teams across the state, and in the area the week #3 contests will include only one home game.

Following are previews of this week's action:

New Brockton (1-1) at Wicksburg (1-1)
The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to get a much needed region win Friday night when they travel to Wicksburg to battle the much-improved Wicksburg Panthers. The Gamecocks saw their record slip to 1-1 last week as they dropped their region opener to Houston County 8-7, in overtime, while the Panthers moved to 1-1 and grabbed a big region win with a 19-0 victory over Samson. The Panthers have yet to allow a point on defense, and on offense are led by the 1-2 punch of Jesse Armstrong and Blake Wallace, who last week combined for 197 yards rushing and all three Wicksburg scores. The Gamecocks will be heavy favorites in this road matchup, but could find the Panthers a little tougher than expected.

Brantley (1-0) at Zion Chapel (0-2)
The Brantley Bulldogs bounced back from their opening loss to hammer Goshen 53-0 and will be looking to improve to 2-0 in region play this week when they travel to Jack to meet the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Bulldogs are led on offense by the triple threat of Chris Booker, Jeffery Daniels and James Pittman in the backfield, while senior quar-

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New Brockton's Coach Shannon Clark talks with Derrick Cook (10) and Nathan Foster (11) during a time-out in last week's 8-7 overtime loss to Houston County. This week the Gamecocks will be looking to even their region record at 1-1 when they travel to Wicksburg to battle the Wicksburg Panthers.



CATCH THAT CAT... The Zion Chapel defense gang tackles a Florala running back for a short gain in region action last week at Zion Chapel. This week the Rebels will host Brantley with hopes of evening their region record at 1-1 on the season.

Drop region opener

Rebels flattened by Florala 56-0

Statistics by Harry White
Photos by Laura Baxley

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their early-season struggles Friday night with a 56-0 region loss to the Florala Wildcats at Green Memorial Field, at Zion Chapel.

The Rebels received the opening kickoff and stunned the Wildcats as on the game's first play Abe Childs rolled out on a keeper and raced 35 yards to the Florala 35-yardline. Three running plays left Zion Chapel facing a fourth down and five, but the Rebels failed to cash in on the early gamble and turned the ball over on downs at the Wildcat 26.

Florala was ready to roll and needed only four plays to cover the 74 yards to the Rebel endzone. Robby Evans completed a 27-yard pass to Tyler Adams for the Wildcat score, and the extra-point was true as Florala grabbed a 7-0 lead with 8:33 left in the first quarter.

Zion Chapel's offense again enjoyed some success on its ensuing possession and moved across midfield on a 25-yard Abe Childs pass completion on a faked punt. The Rebels got as close as the Florala 29-yardline, but could get no closer and again turned the ball over on downs.

Florala took over at its own 31-yardline and this time needed 10 plays to reach paydirt. A 23-yard pass from Evans to Adams was a key play in the long scoring drive, while Corderus Smiley scored the touchdown on a 1-yard plunge. Michael Peterson ran in the two-point conversion and with 1:18 remaining in the first quarter the Wildcats went out and running with a 15-0 lead.

Florala got the ball right back

on a pass interception by Vance Gettis and in two plays was right back in the endzone. The touchdown was scored on a 26-yard run by Rick Williams, and the extra-point was true as the Wildcats upped their lead to 22-0 with :06 still left in the first quarter.

The Wildcats regained possession at their own 37-yardline after a Zion Chapel punt and needed only three plays to cover the distance to the endzone, with the score coming on a 60-yard touchdown pass from Evans to Xavier Jones. The extra-point was good and with 5:43 remaining in the second quarter Florala was in command with a 29-0 lead.

Florala got the ball back at its own 36-yardline following another Rebel punt and this time needed only one play to add to its lead as on the first play of the possession Jerome Tomberlin broke loose and scampered 64 yards for a touchdown. A two-point try failed, but with 3:22 remaining in the half the Wildcats had opened up a 35-0 advantage.

Zion Chapel refused to throw in the towel and behind the hard running of Hunter Wise and the passing of Abe Childs drove to the Florala 2-yardline in the closing seconds of the half. A penalty slowed the march; however, and the Rebels saw the scoring opportunity end when a fourth down pass was knocked down.

Florala began the second half with a bang as on the Wildcats first play from scrimmage Corderus Smiley again got the call and this time raced 65 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point split the up-rights and with only 15 seconds gone in the third quarter Florala was in complete command with a 42-0 lead.

Rebel runner Hunter Wise (34) fights for yardage in last week's region loss to Florala. Wise gained 32 yards in the loss.

SPORTS

With 53-0 win over Goshen

Brantley Bulldogs make it look easy

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs rebounded Friday night from a season-opening loss to Elba with a 53-0 drubbing of the Goshen Eagles, in Brantley.

James Pittman scored 3 touchdowns, two on punt returns, while Jeffery Daniels added two more scores on a pair of 6-yard runs.

Brantley wasted little time getting into the endzone as the Bulldogs took the opening kickoff and drove 62 yards in eight plays. The score came on a unique play when James Pittman broke through the line for an apparent 11-yard touchdown run, only to lose the hand-off to the 5-yard line, where teammate Andre Williams scooped up the fumble and rammed in for the score. Marcus Owens booted the extra-point and with 8:25 left in the first quarter Brantley was already in front 7-0.

The two rivals swapped fumbles on their next possessions with Brantley's Jeffery Daniels recovering an Eagle bobble and Goshen's C.C. Faulkner claiming one for the Eagles at their own 2-yardline.

A short punt put the Brantley offense in business at the Goshen 30-yardline and on first down Edgar Walker hit Shane Corley with a 24-yard strike down to the 6-yardline. On the next snap Jeffery Daniels walked in untouched for a touchdown, and after Owens booted the extra-point the Bulldogs headed back up field with a 14-0 lead with 3:50 still remaining in the first quarter.

Brantley went 61 yards in five plays on its next possession behind the passing of Edgar Walker. Walker connected with Chris Booker with a 10-yard completion and to Thad Frazier for a 19-yard hook-up, while Jeffery Daniels scored his second touchdown of the night on a six-yard dash with :40 remaining in the first quarter. The

extra-point try was blocked, but the Bulldogs were on their way with a 20-0 lead.

Goshen was forced to punt again on its next possession and this time the Bulldogs struck instantly as James Pittman fielded the punt at the Brantley 31-yardline and raced 69 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point failed, but with 9:46 left in the second quarter Brantley's lead was up to 26-0.

Another three and out gave the Bulldogs the ball back at the Goshen 44-yardline and four plays later Brantley was back in the endzone. Billy Frazier scored the touchdown on a 24-yard scamper off left tackle and Landon Morgan booted the extra-point to up the Bulldogs' lead to 33-0 with 5:44 remaining in the second quarter.

The second half opened like the first half had ended as Brantley needed only five plays to add to its lead. The five play drive covered 55 yards and was capped off with a 6-yard touchdown run by James Pittman. Marcus Owens added the extra-point and with 5:58 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs were cruising with a 40-0 advantage.

Pittman wasted little time getting the Bulldogs back on the scoreboard as he returned an Eagle punt 35 yards for a touchdown with :47 remaining in the third quarter, and even though the extra-point failed, Brantley was on top 46-0 and the clock was running.

STATISTICS

B	G
14	1st Downs
26-235	Rushes-Yds.
85	Passing Yds.
320	Total Offense
5-8-0	Passes
142	Return Yds.
1	Fumbles Lost
6-65	Penalties-Yds.
0-00	Punts-Ave.

Brantley's Westley Witherington recovered an Eagle fumble at the Goshen 34-



Bulldog spirits were sky high last week as Brantley claimed its first win of the season with a big 53-0 win over Goshen. This week the Bulldogs will travel to Zion Chapel for a region clash with the Zion Chapel Rebels at Green Memorial Stadium, in Jack.

yardline to turn the ball back over to the Bulldogs midway through the fourth quarter, while the final points of the night came with 4:36 remaining on the clock when Jonathan Helms scored on a 2-yard quarterback sneak and Marcus Owens boot-

ed the extra-point to make the final Brantley 53 Goshen 0. Chris Booker was the game's leading rusher with 72 yards on 7 carries; while James Pittman added 49 yards on six carries and Billy Frazier had 52 yards on 2 carries.

In 28-0 loss to Arton

Kinston Bulldog offensive woes continue

By Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

The Kinston Bulldogs hit the road Friday night to battle the Arton Purple Cats in a key region game between two teams that were both coming off season opening wins, even though neither team had scored an offensive touchdown. After four quarters the Bulldogs left with still no points scored on offense, while the Purple Cats snapped the streak and posted a big 28-0 win.

Arton returned the opening kickoff to midfield and ate up huge chunks of yardage to reach a first down inside the Kinston 15-yardline. The Bulldog defense stiffened as the 'Cats got in close; however, and behind the play of Lee McCrummen, Jr. Fleming and Robert Yates turned back the early scoring threat at the Kinston 5-yardline.

A Garrett Parker to Aaron Jacobs pass completion gave the Bulldogs a little breathing room,



A Kinston Bulldog defender drags down an Arton runner from behind in last week's 28-0 loss to the Purple Cats. Kinston will be looking to even its region record this week when it travels to Pleasant Home to meet the Eagles. Kickoff is 7:00 PM.

but the 'Dogs were forced to punt and this time Arton took advantage of its excellent field-position to drive 32 yards in six plays to get on the scoreboard. Justin master scored the touchdown on a 5-yard run, and the Purple Cats were on the scoreboard with a 6-0 lead.

Eric Odom gave the Bulldog fans something to cheer about with a 25-yard kickoff return, while on the second play of the ensuing possession the fans were back on their feet as Garrett Parker avoided a sack and scrambled down the left sideline for a big 26-yard gain. Jonathan Edwards bounced outside and found running room to move Kinston just inside the Arton 30-yardline. However, the Bulldogs were heckled up by a sack and a penalty, and punted as the first quarter came to an end.

A fumble on a punt attempt and a big hit by the Bulldogs' Brian Laster set the Kinston offense up at the Arton 26-yardline midway through the second quarter, and it appeared that the Bulldogs would finally get on the scoreboard when on first down Robert Yates broke free around the right end and scampered down to the Purple Cat 4-yardline. The Bulldogs were unable to push the ball across the goal line in four tries, as Arton held and protected its 6-0 advantage.

Arton was 97 yards from paydirt, but ready to take a long hike and stunned the Kinston defense by driving down the field to up its lead. The touchdown came on a 41-yard run by Justin Masters, and at the half the Purple Cats went in with a 12-0 lead.

Kinston's offensive woes continued in the second half as Justin Masters intercepted a Bulldog pass to stop a drive, and the Purple Cats rushed in on the turnover and increased their lead to 18-0 on a 6-yard Walker

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Kinston falls in semifinals in MAC Attack tournament in Montgomery

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs competed in the MAC Attack Volleyball Tournament last weekend in Montgomery and reached the semifinals with a final record of 2-2.

The Lady Bulldogs, ranked #2 in the state in Class 1A, opened the tournament with a 9-25, 17-25 loss to Montgomery Academy, but bounced back to defeat Olathe 14-25, 25-16, 15-13 and Donoho 25-21, 26-24 to reach the semifinals. Kinston saw its tourney run come to an end with a loss to Saks 22-25, 22-25.

Jesi Johnson had 15 kills and 7 blocks to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the tournament, while Caitlin Tindell added 11 kills, 8 blocks and 4 aces. Kaleigh Sanders pitched in with 9 kills and 23 digs, while Candace Patterson and Christie Whigham both earned 5 aces. Heather Marlowe had 4 aces and Kourtney Pierce had 3 aces. Marlowe added 34 assists, Haley Spears had 27 digs and Sanders added 23.

Robby Evans completed 5 of 6 passes for 157 yards to lead Florala, while Jerome Tomberlin gained 128 yards on 7 carries. Abe Childs gained 54 yards on 6 carries and completed 6 of 16 passes for 44 yards to lead the Rebels, while Hunter Wise added 32 yards on 10 carries.

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